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Applicants: Shoji HINATA, et al.
Group Art Unit: 2871
Examiner: Dung Nguyen
Title: LIQUID CRYSTAL DEVICE AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT
Attorney Docket: 9319S-000151

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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement mailed March 27, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect Species A (Figures 6-7). Claims 5-10 and generic claims 1-4 and 15-19 are believed to read on the elected species.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider his Species Election Requirement because all of the species are drawn to subject matter which are so related to each other that an undue burden would not be placed upon the Examiner by maintaining both species in a single application.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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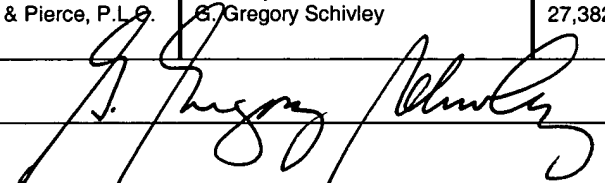
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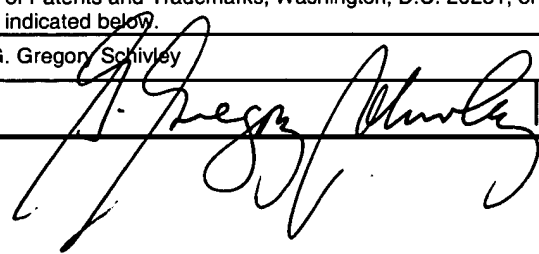
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